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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL
REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

In response to the currently outstanding Official Action in the above-identified case, which Official Action the Examiner has designated as being FINAL, Applicants respectfully request that the subject application be amended as follows so as to place it in condition for allowance, or at least in better form for Appeal, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.116.

REQUEST FOR DRAWING CHANGE APPROVAL

In response to the Examiner's objection to Figs. 7 and 8 of the drawings as filed with the above-identified application on the basis that those Figures should be designated by a legend such as "PRIOR ART" because only that which is old is illustrated therein, Applicant respectfully requests approval of amendments to Figs. 7 and 8 of this application so as to designate those figures as - - PRIOR ART --. The proposed amendments to Figs. 7 and 8 are shown in red on the enclosed photocopy of the drawing sheets of this application containing Figs. 7 and 8. Further, pursuant to the Rules, Applicant is submitting herewith a clean copy of the sheet of drawing of this application that contain Figs. 7 and 8 labeled as "Replacement Sheet" in the upper right-hand margin, and respectfully requests that that clean copy of the sheet of drawing of this application containing Figs. 7 and 8 be substituted for the corresponding sheet of drawing presently on file in this application.

Applicant respectfully submits that this submission of a corrected replacement drawing sheet for the above-identified application removes one of the bases for the Examiner's currently outstanding objection to the drawings of this application. Accordingly, a decision so holding in response to this communication is respectfully requested.